

SCHOOL BOARD CANCELS TAX ELECTION, TAX COMMITTEE SUPPORTS BOND ISSUE

FREEDOMS FOUNDATION HONORS HERALD WRITER

Wilfrid Dellquest, editorial writer for the Torrance HERALD and its companion newspapers, the Eagle Rock News-Herald and the Highland Park News-Herald, has been awarded a Freedoms Foundation award of \$50 and the George Washington honor medal for an editorial on the United States Constitution he wrote for Constitution Week last year.

Dellquest's editorial, entitled "In the Heart of the People," was judged in second place among entrants submitted from each state of the nation. He was among the 75 Southern California citizens, organizations, and schools honored Tuesday by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa.

His editorial was chosen as an outstanding contribution to a better understanding of the American way of life. The award was the first Freedoms Foundation win for Dellquest.

Winning his fifth consecutive award was David A. Pilon, of 4115 W. 175th St., whose photograph was given the distinguished service award.

Pilon won first prize in 1951 and received \$1000 for his entry. A graduate of Inglewood High School, he has lived in north Torrance for nearly two years. He is head of the photographic department of McCulloch Motors.

Defense Leaders Ready Food Kits For Public Sale

In case war comes, Los Angeles Civil Defense offices are today putting on the market a "survival food kit," containing enough food to sustain a family of four for three days, George Powell, local civil defense head, said Wednesday.

In what is believed to be the first such project in the nation, grocery stores will sell the kits for an average price of \$7. Brief instructions and sample menus will be included in the package.

Grocery stores in this area will offer the kits, Powell said, and if the public buys them, additional kits are being readied to put similar products on the market.

Can Be Kept Food in the kits can be kept a long time, he said, since it is not of a spoilable nature, but should be rotated every six months to insure freshness.

The project is designed to insure a food supply for the general public if food supplies are cut off during an emergency.

The menu includes: For breakfast—tomato, grapefruit, and orange juice; evaporated milk; dry cereal, and coffee.

Menu Planned For lunch—tomato soup, Graham crackers, and whole rye, apricots, applesauce, and milk. For supper—sliced luncheon meat, potatoes, baked beans, tuna and whole rye crackers, green peas, coffee, and milk. For snacks—raisins, hard candy, and gum.

For general use—a can opener. At least one gallon of water in a thermos jug, or water bottle is needed to complete the kit.

The food in the packet will give about 5000 calories per day, which is 61 per cent of allowances set up by the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council.

Campaign Workers Hustle As First Period Closing

Only nine days remain in the big first period of the HERALD's subscription campaign. It was announced yesterday, and with honors still about evenly divided, keen competition between workers for the positions at the end of this first period on March 7 make these nine days crucial ones for workers.

The race for the new 1955 automobile in one of the most remarkable campaigns ever staged in this part of the state, is finding workers busy feverishly and intensively piling up points.

Points decrease approximately half in value after March 7, campaign director reminded workers yesterday. Points again will decrease after March 19, and the campaign will end March 28. Leaders have been difficult to determine in the campaign because of the close bunching of top subscription salesmen. What each worker accomplishes between now and 6 p.m. on March 7 will largely determine

the point standing at the end of the first period. The campaign department strongly urged those who had promised workers their new or renewal subscriptions to subscribe before the end of the first period to permit the worker to obtain the maximum points for the campaign.

Campaign workers will earn only half as many points on subscriptions taken after the close of the first period on March 7. Call the Torrance HERALD today at FAIRfax 8-4000 and ask for Elaine Barrett. She will have your favorite worker call and get your subscription.

Get Special Training Some 70 per cent of Air Force enlistees from the Torrance area will receive specialized training between now and next July in one of 288 courses, M/Sgt. Andrew Swansen, local recruiter said Wednesday.

Torrance Men Witness Atom Bomb Tests

At least two Torrance soldiers were on hand Tuesday when A-Bomb "George" was fired in Nevada, according to reports from the Army news center.

PFC Stacy B. Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevens, 22221 Moneta; and Pvt. Frank R. Gunn Jr., son of Mrs. E. K. Gunn, 1318 Date Ave., were among the 5000 soldiers specially selected to participate in Exercise Desert Rock VI, which is now being held at the Atomic Energy Commission's Nevada Test Site.

This program is part of the continuing indoctrination training developed in the interest of national defense, Army sources report.

Private Gunn entered the Army last April and is regularly stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco as a truck vehicle mechanic with the 3623d Ordnance Co.

PFC Stevens is regularly stationed at Fort Ord as a member of the 95th Engineer Battalion's Co. B, fire department. He entered the Army in May, 1953. Both men attended Torrance High School.

Kids Can't Tell A Lie, So They Just Run Away

Several youngsters were behaving like George Washington on his birthday, Feb. 22, but Dr. Grace McCrary, of 2084 W. 166th St., didn't like it a bit.

She told Torrance police that several young boys were chopping down the trees in her orchard, but when she approached, they didn't tell her, "I cannot tell a lie." Instead they ran away, she said.

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National Supply Donates \$21,500 for Hospital

A gift totaling \$21,500 to the Torrance Memorial Hospital building fund was announced yesterday by John D. Spalding, works manager of the National Supply.

Approved last Friday by the firm's eastern board of directors, the gift was among the largest single donations to the hospital building fund campaign, according to Chairman Henry Creeger, who received the news from Spalding.

In announcing the gift, Spalding said:

"The Torrance plant of the National Supply Co. having had its beginning in 1912 with the founding of the City of Torrance, has been identified during these past 43 years with many community activities that have contributed to the growth and betterment of Torrance."

The gift, Spalding said, was "in keeping with our traditional interest in community welfare."

Creeger said other sizable gifts had been pledged and that he expected formal notification of some of the gifts in the next few weeks.

The money donated by National Supply and other local industries and groups will be used to add a much-needed maternity wing and a surgical wing on the Torrance Memorial Hospital. A campaign fund to raise approximately \$300,000 to be matched with federal funds has been under way here during the past several months.

EXCITING MOVIE ON PARK AGENDA

The regular monthly movies, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, will be shown this Saturday at local parks. A very exciting movie has been selected for all boys and girls.



NEW HOME FOR GUARD UNIT . . . Capt. Douglas J. Hortander, commander of the Bridge Co., 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion, points out some of the features of the new National Guard Armory, now being constructed at Cabrillo and Lincoln Aves., as First Sgt. John L. Garcia, City Manager George Stevens, and Civil Defense Director George Powell look on. The company, now meeting in Manhattan Beach, is slated to move into their new quarters by late spring. The unit will soon participate in a training maneuver to be known as "Operation Dominquez."



HOSPITAL GIFT ANNOUNCED . . . John Spalding, works manager of the National Supply Co., shows Hospital Fund Drive Chairman Henry Creeger (center) letter from the firm's board of directors announcing authorization of a \$21,500 gift from National Supply to the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Looking on (right) is Arthur O. Otesa, industrial co-chairman of the drive.

Industry Group Approves \$10,000,000 Bond Vote

The Torrance Industries Tax Committee voted unanimously Monday afternoon to approve the cancellation of a proposed election for a \$1 tax override and put local industry firmly behind the school proposal to seek approval of a \$10,000,000 bond issue in June.

Members of the committee, who represent most of Torrance's major industries, agreed with the presentation of Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, which pointed out that the \$1 override tax would not provide sufficient funds for new building which will be needed in the Torrance district.

Raising the necessary building funds by means of a bond issue will only increase the tax rate by approximately 10 cents per \$100 for the first year, the Tax Committee estimated. The increase should be reduced to 8 cents the second year.

At the same meeting, the committee voted to send a letter to the City Council reaffirming the stand of the group recommending that two school sites be donated to the district by the developers without cost before the Council agreed to the annexation proposal of Palos Verdes Properties.

"This is absolutely necessary for the purpose of easing the additional tax burden for our school system during the initial steps of development of the area—as outlined in the brochure presented to the Torrance City Council on Jan. 18, 1955," the letter to the Council reads.

Teen Club Seeks Funds For Outing

A doughnut sale has been scheduled for Saturday by the Nor-teens of north Torrance to raise funds for a snow trip. The club, which meets each Monday evening at McMaster Park hall, is asking support of the community in helping them raise funds for the excursion. The Nor-teen Club is open to all children between the ages of 13 and 15. Parents are invited to attend any of the regular meetings.

May 10th Tax Vote Dropped

The Board of Education decided at a special meeting Monday to cancel its May 10 tax election, and instead, made a tentative move to put a \$10,000,000 bond issue on the ballot June 7.

In a statement later discussed with the Torrance Industries Tax Committee and other citizens, the Board said that in the future it believed it should:

"1. Depend on the continued use of the District's growing bonding capacity to meet its immediate and near-future building needs;

"2. That the \$1 override tax, which has been under study, be abandoned as a method of financing immediate and near-future building needs;

"3. That the citizens be presented the opportunity of supporting the school building program with a \$10,000,000 bond issue."

Under this plan, the tax rate would increase only 12 cents per \$100 assessed valuation and 10 cents per \$100 the second year, the board said.

If annexation of Palos Verdes territory should be approved, the board indicated its belief that:

"The most equitable way of involving the increase in assessed valuation of the annexation area in payment of its proportionate share of the load would be through the retirement of bonds over a period of years rather than to take it out of Torrance's pockets today.

Area Would Pay "This will cause the increasing assessed value of the annexed area to contribute not only to its own school costs, but also to the costs of the rest of Torrance, over a period of years.

To spread the school cost burden, the board said, a period of 20 years would take advantage of the full development of the annexed area in contributing to the payment of school building costs, as well as the future development of Torrance.

Under this plan, Dr. Joseph P. Bay said, the board could follow a policy of "sell as we grow," whether the annexation was accomplished or not.

If the annexation is approved, the board would ask that it be passed either before March 8 or after April 5, because of legal technicalities in putting a legal description of the territory on the ballot.

Ideas Changed The board approved the override tax election several months ago. Under this plan, the voters would have been asked to approve a \$1 per \$100 assessed valuation override tax for five years, which would have brought in an estimated \$5,000,000.

At its last meeting, the board discussed the possibility of postponing the tax election, and in addition, placing a \$5,000,000 bond issue on the ballot.

The \$10,000,000 bond issue was discussed for the first time Monday.



HIGHEST EXPLORER AWARDS . . . William Sells, advisor to Explorer Post 219-X, admires the Eagle Scout award received recently by Jack McNeil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. McNeil, of 2475 Torrance Blvd. Jack also received the Ad Altare Dei, highest Catholic religious award, which was presented by Father F. J. McGuinness. Scout officials said it is very unusual for a boy to receive both awards at the same time.

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